(d) if so, to what extent this has been acceptable to all the IIMs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) The Government reduced the fee for the post-graduate programmes (PGP) in Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) to Rs. 30,000/- per annum *vide* orders dated 5th February, 2004. The issue of reduction of fees of IIMs was brought to the attention of present Government immediately after its assumption in office.

The meetings of all Chairman and Directors of IIMs were convened on 31st May, 2004 and 29th June, 2004 to discuss the reduction of fee issue. At the instance of the Government, all the six Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) at Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Calcutta, Lucknow, Indore and Kozhikode have decided that:

(i) The Institutes will ensure that no student faces any difficulty in pursuing education for PGP at the Institute for want of financial resources,

(ii) The fees charged by the Institutes in the year 2003-2004 will be continued in the session starting in June, 2004;

(iii) All the IIMs will provide a need-based financial assistance scheme to both the first and second year students;

(iv) All students admitted, whose annual gross family income is Rs. 2 lakh and below, will be eligible for financial assistance up to a full tution fee waiver; and

(v) The IIMs will consider, in appropriate cases, supporting the students beyond the tuition fee waiver. Apart from the tuition fee, the expenditure by students on hostel and mess charges can also be waived.

The IIMs are empowered to take all the decisions regarding fee structure. The Government has accepted the said decision and withdrawn its orders dated 5th February, 2004 reducing the fees to Rs. 30,000/- *vide* orders dated 29th June, 2004.

Paper leakage of All India pre-medical examination

194. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had to announce new dates for all India pre-medical examination because of the leakage of paper earlier;

(b) if so, whether a number of arrests have been made which have shown that there is a gang operating in the country which is responsible for such leakages;

(c) if so, whether such leakages had been reported earlier also;

(d) if so, what are the steps Government propose to take to see that such leakages do not occur in future which affects students; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Delhi Police arrested six culprits including allegedly the kingpin, and the Chargesheet has been filed.

(c) There was also alleged leakage of question paper of 2003 pre-medical examination conducted by CBSE. It is now confirmed and CBI has filed a chargesheet in this case against five accused.

(d) and (e) A high level committee under the chairmanship of Dr. J. Veera Raghavan, Former Secretary, MHRD, Government of India has been constituted by the CBSE to examine various proceduce currently adopted by CBSE which a purpose to identify the loopholes in the system of examinations. It will also suggest necessary measures for strengthening the system to eliminate any possibility of leakage of question papers.

World Bank assistance for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

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